

Executive Director, Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 615  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2003

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Subject: Proposed Corinth Water District Rate Increase – Case No. 2003-00392

Dear Executive Director,

I would like to register deep concern over the proposed Rate Increase being applied for by the Corinth Water District, Case No. 2003-00392.

The application states that the Corinth Water District is seeking a rate increase of from 8% for very, very low usage to over 78% for very, very high usage. I do not fall into either one of those categories but with 7 family members I fall into the 60% increase schedule. That is astronomical!

While there is a law to make palatable water available to all Kentucky residents, if it isn't affordable, it isn't palatable!

I have lived in several different areas and several different states and have found that water rates are usually tied to sewage rates. We live in a rural area and use a septic system. Corinth has a city, low-pressure sewage system for city residents. From the 40 page report that I received at the Corinth Water District Offices, I cannot determine whether or not there is a distinct separation of the costs, salaries, and other expenses between the sewage operation and the water operation.

I truly cannot recall ever seeing or noticing a report from the Corinth Sewage district/office. This causes me concern. I may be paying for the city sewage system even though I do not have access to it.

Further, I notice in their application that the Corinth Water District does not provide, or in fact have, a monthly reporting system in place. (Page 4 of 7 of the Filing Requirements Index – 807 KAR 5:001 Section 10 (6)(r). In today's world if you are going to justify or somehow support a request for a **60% increase** the applying entity had better be supplying their constituents with regular reports.

Today, what is happening is that the Corinth Water District is applying for such a large rate increase and their constituents/customers **have less than 30 days notice of the reported problem and less time to react. This is unconscionable!**

**At the very least there should be public hearings to allow the residents time to ask questions concerning these financial numbers and how the new rate has been calculated.** And, Further to explain the purpose that the Corinth Water District has in relation to their planning for the future.

Also disturbing is the notice that appeared in the local paper – a copy is attached – there are no dates published. As you can see from the newspaper notice the date field is blank except for the year. This then does not allow the reader to understand any deadline for action.

Again, at the very least I question the lack of public hearings on the matter regarding the rate hike, especially with the short and incomplete notice of the application. Further it would help clarify the concern about shared expenses with the sewage operation. And finally, while the correct and timely input would not necessarily make all of the constituents happy, they would have at least had the opportunity to learn the facts and the background, while asking their questions.

Since the requirement appears to be for me to register as an intervener, that is then what I am doing with this letter.

Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. George R. Ignaszak  
3290 Lawrenceville Rd.  
Corinth, KY 41010

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "George R. Ignaszak". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name and address.

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## Public Notices

**NOTICE**

Corinth Water District has filed an application with the Public Service Commission to increase its rates for water service. The proposed effective date of the change is \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.

**Monthly Rate:**

<u>Current</u>		<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Rate</u>	
First 1,000 Gallons	\$15.35	First 1,000	\$14.27	Minimum Bill
Next 4,000 Gallons	7.50	Next 4,000	10.39	per 1,000 gallons
Next 5,000 Gallons	5.15	Next 5,000	9.25	per 1,000 gallons
Over 10,000 Gallons	4.50	Over 10,000	8.11	per 1,000 gallons

<u>MONTHLY</u>	<u>MONTHLY</u>	<u>MONTHLY</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
<u>USAGE</u>	<u>BILL AT</u>	<u>BILL AT</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
<u>USAGE</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>OVER</u>
<u>USAGE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>
1,000	\$15.35	\$14.27	-7.04%
2,000	22.85	24.66	7.9%
3,800	36.35	43.36	19.3%
5,000	45.35	55.83	23.1%
10,000	71.10	102.08	43.6%
20,000	116.10	183.18	57.8%
30,000	161.10	264.28	64.0%
50,000	251.10	426.48	69.8%
75,000	363.60	629.23	73.1%
100,000	476.10	831.98	74.7%
150,000	701.10	1237.48	76.5%
200,000	926.10	1642.98	77.4%
300,000	1376.10	2453.98	78.3%

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by the Corinth Water District. However, the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that are higher or lower than the rates proposed in this notice.

Any corporation, association, body politic, or person may request leave to intervene, by motion within thirty (30) days after notice of the proposed rate change is given. A motion to intervene shall be in writing, shall be submitted to the Executive Director, Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602, and shall set forth the ground for the motion, including the status and interest of the party movant. Copies of the application may be obtained at no charge from the District office at 215 Thomas Lane in Corinth, KY 41010. Upon request from an intervenor, the District shall furnish to the intervenor a copy of the application and supporting documents.

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